

church should be binding upon all, and if we are going to have anything like church discipline, the severest penalties should be assessed against laziness and donothingness. That's the light in which the Lord put it in the parable of the talents. O you donothing and you nobody in the church: Be ashamed of yourself.

### In Darkness

A western town was in darkness for several weeks not long ago because they could not come to terms with the electric light company. As soon as they agreed upon the terms, the current was turned on and the street and houses flooded with light. Simple proposition you say, but not any more so than the problem of spiritual light. Christ has promised to give us his light, has promised to illuminate our spiritual darkness, to shed light on our pathway, in our minds, in our hearts, but upon certain terms and conditions. Agree to his terms and you get the light. Many professing Christians are in partial darkness because they have not yielded a whole hearted agreement to the divine terms. Some impediment or other, some serious difference between the two contracting parties, shuts off the current, and they are in the dark. A satisfactory Christian experience is the greatest blessing, the most priceless treasure that can come into the possession of any man or woman, and one would think that earnest people would endeavor to arrive at it, would seek it, in that rational and intelligent way that they go about any other great enterprise. Let us whisper a word in your ear: The Lord isn't giving his best things to the indifferent. And another: There's no "great gulf fixed" between common sense and grace.

### Easily Recognized

That particular incarnation of the devil known as Judge Lynch is unusually rampant in the beginning of the new century. What a record of shame and savagery we are heaping up against the day of God's wrath. He seems to be no respecter of sectionalism. Just as outrageous and ferocious in the north as in the south. Breaks loose in free Kansas, the ideal home, the Canaan of the black man. It is horrible, abominable, shameful, atrocious, devilish. It is beyond words. And it could be prevented too. Assess ten thousand dollars damages by State law against every county where it occurs. That will stop the accursed thing.

### Ashland College—Need of Endowment

Of the importance of an educational institution for and by the Brethren church it is no longer needful that we should write. The church has come to recognize the fact that without such an institution, an institution under its own control and management, it can not hope to succeed. The experience of other churches and our own observation have taught us, if they have taught us anything, that if we are to become a numerous and a strong people, if we are to be wide awake, progressive people, we must strongly establish our educational work, and it must be *ours*, under our control and influence. We must educate our young people in our own schools; we must provide for them the advantage of a high-

er education, institutions of learning under the auspices of the Brethren church, or hold our peace when they drift away into institutions under influences alien to that of our own church. The very life of the church, its strength, its influence, its whole future, rests, humanly speaking, upon the establishment, the development, and the support of its educational work.

So much is conceded. It would seem that along this line there is no further need of discussion or argument. The Brethren church now has such an institution, free of debt, and under its own management. But with some at least it remains an open question as to how such an institution is to be maintained. With those who have had experience in educational work even this is not a question, for they know full well what is needed to make denominational schools a success. Ashland College, tho the property is paid for, still has many needs, but its immediate need is an endowment of not less than \$25,000. Of this amount already \$16,000 has been raised and but \$9,000 more is required to make the \$25,000. It is understood that this is not a permanent endowment, but is in the form of pledges in force for a period of ten years. An effort should be made at once to raise the balance of the \$25,000 in order to meet the present demands of the school. The work is enlarging, classes are multiplying, the attendance increasing, and as these grow additions to the Faculty will be required. The question has been asked time and again, before the debt on the college was liquidated, whether when the property is paid for the school will be self supporting. This question may as well be answered now once and for all. *No*, emphatically *no*. The school is not self-supporting and it never will be. It is not expected that it should be. Why should we expect Ashland College to do what other educational institutions are not doing.

To run a college of this kind with tuitions is impossible. The school must have the best men in the church, the strongest intellectually, and unless we expect the Faculty to be a charitable institution we must make provision for an income aside from the tuitions. The President of one of the best colleges in the State of Ohio, and one of the best in the country says: "To run a college without endowment would make the tuition so high that only the sons and daughters of wealthy people could have the advantage of a college education or training. It has been shown by one of the leading college presidents of the country that the average cost of college education exclusive of the interest on college plants, is five times the amount received from tuition. No college that is up to the standard of the day can be run without an endowment." This is the experience of other schools, and will be our experience. Ashland College must have an endowment of \$25,000 if it is to be made what its patrons expect it to be, if it is to become a great power for good in the field of education. As the demands of the school increase this sum will have to be enlarged, but for the next few years that amount will suffice. The truth is the endowment should not wait the demands of the school, but should go ahead of it and *create demands*. We trust this matter will receive the favorable consideration of every loyal member of the Brethren church, and that in the near future announcements can be made that the full \$25,000 have been secured.